

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph appearing on page 7, lines 14-22, with the following amended paragraph:

“FIGURE 1 is a block diagram showing a cluster database 12 incorporating high availability components. Parallel database servers 11a-d, each including a cooperative resource group are each coupled to a single cluster database 12 to form a high availability cluster framework 14, such as described in U.S. Patent Application, Serial No. 10/086,782_____, entitled “System And Method For Providing Cooperative Resource Groups For High Availability Applications,” filed February 28, 2002, pending, the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference. The servers 11 process a stream of transactions received from clients, such as client 13 and remote client 18, in parallel with each server processing an entire transaction.”

Please replace the paragraph appearing on page 7, line 30 – page 8, line 5, with the following amended paragraph:

“The cluster framework 14 appears as a single node to individual clients, which subscribe to the services published by each cluster. The client sessions receive notification of any changes in the services provided, such as described in U.S. Patent Application, Serial No. 10/086,949_____, entitled “System And Method For Providing Out-Of-Band Notification Of Service Changes,” filed February 28, 2002, pending, the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference, and transfer to alternate nodes as necessary.”

Please replace the paragraph appearing on page 8, lines 16-23, with the following amended paragraph:

“The response times provided by the substitute database servers 12 in the standby node may be longer than prior to failover or switchover until the ramp-up period for populating the database instance caches has run, although the ramp-up period can be substantially minimized by pre-connecting to the standby node and warming the database instance caches beforehand, such as described in U.S. Patent Application, Serial No. 10/086,842_____, entitled “System And Method For Pre-Compiling A Source Cursor Into A Target Library Cache,” filed February 28, 2002, pending, the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference.”